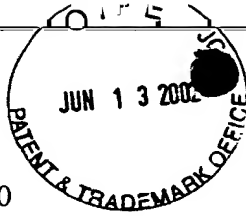


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FOR: FOAMING COSMETIC CREAM

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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1. (Amended) A physiologically-acceptable composition comprising a surfactant system in an aqueous medium, wherein said surfactant system exhibits at least one paracrystalline phase selected from the group consisting of direct hexagonal phase, cubic phase, and mixtures thereof, when the temperature increases above 30°C and remains present up to at least 45°C.